

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract paragraph, appearing as the last page of the Application text (page 15), with the following:

A hose bib containment device having [Hose bib containment device includes] a back portion, middle portion, and a front portion. The back portion can be secured to an exterior wall of a building, and mortar and bricks can be installed around the front portion side and at least part of the middle portion. The containment device includes a tube that allows a hose bib to be inserted therein and guided into an opening on the exterior wall. When the containment device is used, the hose bib can be installed after the bricking process has been completed. Once installed, the hose bib blends in with and is flush with the surrounding bricks that are held in place with mortar. Repair and replacements can be made to the hose bib without disturbing the bricks and mortar.